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UPRISING IN IRAN

COOPTION & REPRESSION

On 1 May 2019, a group of Iranian bus drivers held a short and small public celebration of international workers' day in Tehran, which resulted in one of them, Rasoul Taleb Moghaddam receiving 74 lashes and two years in prison. The Bus Company Syndicate is one of the few tolerated by the Islamo-fascist regime, which outlaws strikes and regularly imprisons workers, and unsurprisingly little has been heard of it since the recent wave of protests emerged in late December. The scale of the protests appeared seemingly overnight and developed into a mass movement so rapidly that few - other than the usual fuckin' imperialist parasites and royalist champions of the old regime - were ready for it. Anarchists outside of Europe were clearly taken by surprise, though we've all been aware of increasing poverty and deprivation as a result of the economic crisis. The Iranian rial currency has been in decline for years but the pace of its collapse quickened considerably recently contributing to rocketing inflation and widespread unemployment, especially among younger people, already impatient for change, for work and for freedom. It is estimated that between 3,000 and 15,000 people have been killed in the revolt with many more injured and imprisoned by the state, though these figures are likely to be higher. Anarchists have, of course, been active in the revolt and the anarchist collective known as the Anarchist Front issued a statement at the very beginning of the crisis calling for a general strike in response to the economy's implosion. Threats by Trump and Netanyahu to intervene have not (yet) materialised (and let's face it, their ultra-nationalist and conservative politics have more in common with the Iranian theocracy than they'd care to admit), though their regional powerplay will ensure continued deadly interference. However, the genie is well and truly out of the bottle, no matter the repression visited upon the Iranian working class now with or without the support of the imperialist powers, things will not go back to normal. Revolution is in the air.

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The International Workers' Association held its 29th Congress in East Asia. Twenty -two member organisations participated in the proceedings – in person and virtually, including Organise!
The marathon congress lasted three days, yet not all the agenda items were discussed!

IWA Expansion
The IWA has expanded to include two new sections: the Workers' Solidarity Federation (WSF) from Pakistan, which will host the next plenary; and the Federación Obrera Regional Argentina-Asociación Internacional de los Trabajadores (FORA-AIT) from Argentina. In addition, at least one organisation intends to change its status from 'Friends of the IWA' to a fully-fledged section. The Congress re-affirmed the IWA's willingness to engage with organisations in South America and Africa and to visit those interested in anarcho-syndicalism. Lecture tours were agreed upon.

Anti-Militarism Re-affirmed
The IWA re-affirmed its commitment to one of its founding principles: antimilitarism. A working group will be established, and some IWA sections have already established collaborations with other antimilitarist organisations and networks.

Solidarity with comrades in Colombia
The IWA expressed support and mutual assistance to comrades in Colombia who wish to open a collective bakery and anarcho-syndicalist centre, which will also serve as a social centre for the working class community. We look forward to hearing of the project's development and wish the comrades success in its organisation. We hope it will demonstrate how collective projects can be implemented without hierarchies and bosses.

A Truly Global International
The sustained growth of the IWA beyond Europe and the Americas was one the most impressive impressions of the Congress for our delegates. This was a truly international gathering of anarcho-syndicalist organisations and initiatives from across the globe.

PA HUNGER STRIKE UPDATE

The last of the Palestine Action prisoners, Umer Khalid, has ended his fast.
He follows three other PA prisoners: Lewie Chiaramello, Heba Muraisi and Kamran Ahmed who ended their hunger strike with the announcement that Elbit Systems had lost a government contract of £2 billion.
Whether this effectively 'shuts down' the Israeli arms manufacturer in the UK, it has been seen as at least a partial victory by the hunger strikers and their campaign. Of the five demands, we had hoped with others that immediate bail for the detainees would have come by now, given that even the British state's own legal experts have decried it as a travesty of justice. The campaign group supporting the hunger strikers, Prisoners for Palestine, announced:
“Our prisoners' hunger strike will be remembered as a landmark moment of pure defiance; an embarrassment for the British state. It exposed to the world Britain has political prisoners in service of a foreign genocidal regime, and has seen hundreds of people commit to take direct action in the prisoners footsteps. While these prisoners end their hunger strike, the resistance has just begun. Banning a group and imprisoning our comrades has backfired on the British state, direct action is alive and the people will drive Elbit out of Britain for good”.

TESCO WORKER REINSTATED

Organise! welcomes the reinstatement of the suspended Tesco worker at the supermarket in Newcastle, County Down. This suspension should never have happened in the first place, of course, nor should any worker ever be victimised for acting in concert with their conscience.
Any worker committed to opposing genocide whether in Palestine, Syria or Sudan should be supported and hopefully this decision will make managers think twice in future. This is being seen as a particular victory for the IWW and may temporarily help distract from the issue of their own workers in the US recently in dispute with the Wob bosses. Just one reason the IWA will never pay officials or workers - you can’t be a Union and be a boss at the same time.

REFLECTIONS ON THE END OF THE HUNGER STRIKE

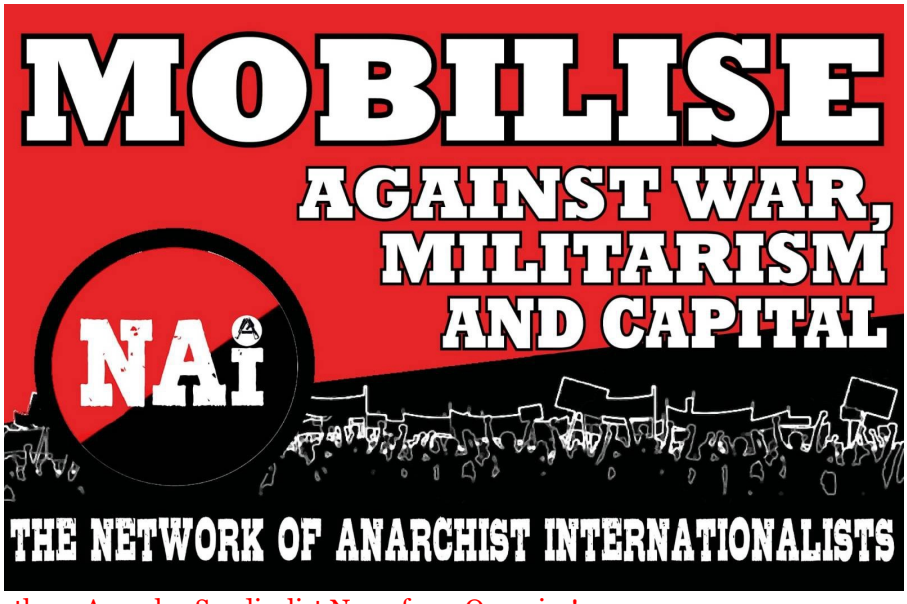
The British government through the media has sold Elbit's loss of their £2 billion contract with them as a victory for the PA hunger strikers. This is a sleight of hand - while the first hunger strikers ended their 73 day action on 14th January 2026 after learning Elbit had lost the contract - that the hunger strike itself is what led to this decision is at best only partially.

Issues around MOD and Elbit corruption resulted in the deal being sat on for 7 months. Elbit was also being investigated by NATO. What is true is that the government did not want to be seen dealing with Elbit while prisoners were starving. But the Elbit contract was already in trouble.

The government could claim to have listened to the hunger strikers without giving in to any of the 5 demands. Waiting until day 73 to break the news that Elbit had not won the contract let then spin the situation to their advantage and end the hunger strike at the same time. What was omitted was that Raytheon got it.

The contract actually went ahead, the British government is still up to its eyes in militarism and genocide - in Israel and elsewhere. Heba has been moved to a prison closer to her family and healthcare meetings are finally happening. The UK government have not closed Elbit down, no prisoners have got bail, Palestine Action and showing support for it is still illegal.

The war machine is speeding up. Rather than let the state deflate the movement against genocide in Palestine we need to break the isolation and divisions cutting across what has the potential to be a broader anti-war and anti-militarist movement. Direct action has had an impact. It will have a greater impact with the broadening out of movements around genocide in Palestine, war in Sudan, Ukraine, Rojava… Imperialism, militarism and war are integral to capitalism and the urgency of the situation, not only in Palestine but all over the world, demands the building of an effective antimilitarist movement capable of ending the barbarous impulses of capitalist nation states once and for all.



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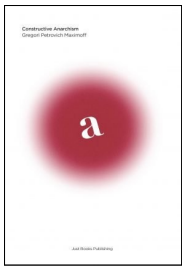

Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist international founded in Berlin in 1922.

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£7.99

Nick Heath's *The Idea. Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future* - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism, this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years… (Brian Morris on *The Idea)*

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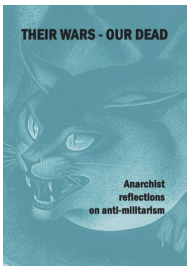

Also available from Just Books is Active Distro's *Their Wars - Our Dead*. Since the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, war fever has swept the anarchist movement and a larger section of 'the left'. The essays collected in this book seek to put forward a revolutionary course for anarchist anti-militarism today. Some of what is covered includes: internationalist opposition to WW1 and WW2; conscription in Ukraine, Russia and Israel; anti-militarism and the war in Ukraine; the relationship between anarchism and militarism in Ireland.

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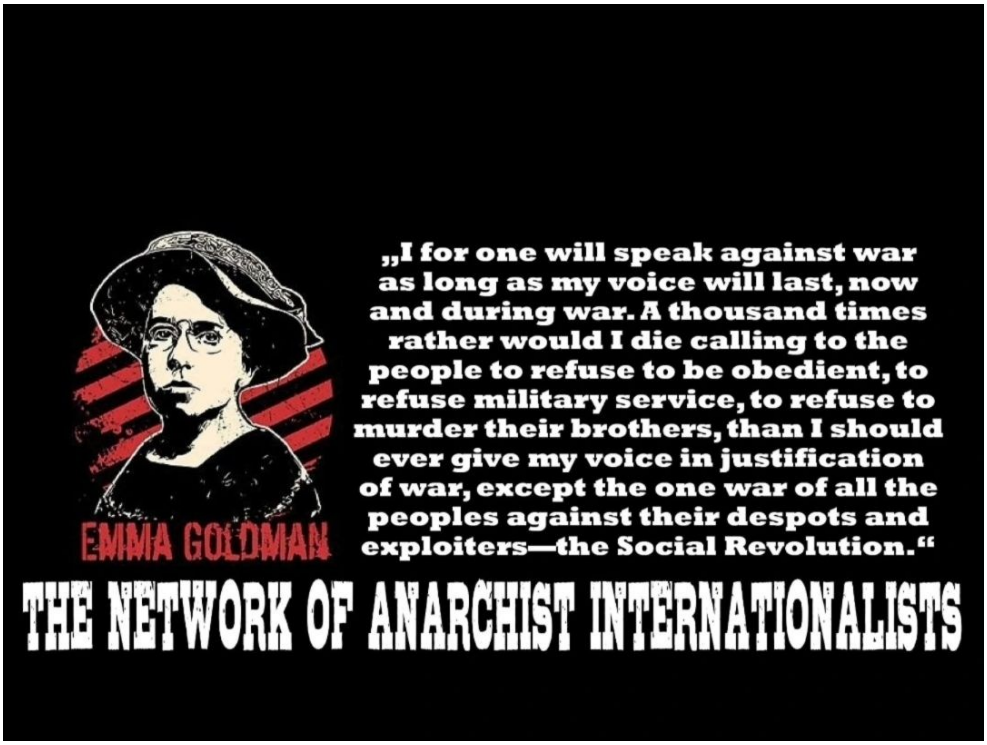
They Want You To Fight? Let's Fight For Liberation!


„I for one will speak against war as long as my voice will last, now and during war. A thousand times rather would I die calling to the people to refuse to be obedient, to refuse military service, to refuse to murder their brothers, than I should ever give my voice in justification of war, except the one war of all the peoples against their despots and exploiters—the Social Revolution.“
EMMA GOLDMAN
THE NETWORK OF ANARCHIST INTERNATIONALISTS

Anti-war statement from the Network of Anarchist Internationalists:

They want you to fight! Fight for what? Our blood to benefit them and the profit system!

More war! More injured! More dead! The slaughter of our class continues apace!

No historic parallels are needed to tell us how much danger we are in. Austerity and annihilation are two cheeks of the state and capitalist arse. Immiseration of our class, the working class, hasn't averted capitalist crisis. Annihilation seems increasingly their option for us.

The house of cards that was the 'rules based order' has collapsed to be replaced by the poker faced drive to global war. If, as they say, world wars are an amalgamation of smaller wars, it looks like time is running out. To bet otherwise, isn't a chance we can take!

DRC (Congo); Ethiopia; Eritrea; Gaza; Iran; Sudan; Ukraine; Venezuela; Yemen…. If we add the capitalist proxies of national liberation struggles, proto-states and organised crime, we run out of alphabet.

For the millions of our class living and dying in the war zones, the suffering is most acute. The blood is not just in the trenches but on the doorstep and in the ruins and the refugee routes from the front lines. Here, the capitalist factions who rob us the wealth we produce, tell us everything we value is at stake and our interests lie in supporting them.

For millions of our class not face-to-face with the daily reality of war, its threat is held over us. Other state factions in their global rivalry try to convince us that these conflicts are far away. These people they say, are somehow not like us. Or worse, they brought it on themselves and deserve it.

They tell us their wars are inevitable and are about bad people who aren't us. Our 'side' (sic) are always the 'good guys'. We are (un)reliably informed that our ruling class are the only ones who can keep us safe and we need to shut up and behave; to accept their so-called 'natural order of things'.

There are no 'good guys'; in capitalism's wars! Under whichever flag, the capitalist class always send us, the working class, to die for their wealth to increase and for the profit system to be maintained. They assert exploitation in the workplace and in communities or outright oppression and increasingly, our murder.

More people had already died as a result of armed conflict under the peace of the now defunct 'rules based order', than in both World Wars put together!

They now talk of World War III as if it were inevitable. They could well be right! Unless we end the social peace at home and refuse all military orders. Drafts and demands for compliance must be resisted, the capitalist war machine must be stopped and the guns turned in the defence of our class, no longer having us trained in their sights.

Time is short and we rapidly need to turn the tables. The threats to our very existence need to be turned into a mass movement of resistance! Turn capitalist war into global class war, a time for liberation, the dawn of an epoch of social revolution.

Capitalist peace and capitalist war are becoming indistinguishable. Where peace does not involve our actual slaughter, it involves austerity, increased exploitation, immiseration and poverty, atomisation, alienation, social exclusion, environmental and climatic destruction. This is capitalism's violence in other forms.

Their wars are not 'far away'. They are as close as the class struggle we are immersed in, like the air that we breathe.

Mass resistance on the streets, in our communities, in workplaces! Mass refusal in the trenches and any front battle lines! The road to survival and the end of their wars is the mass organised resistance of our class!

Class war and life against imperialist war and mass murder!

Liberation against exploitation and oppression. Emancipation finally from state and capital!

For a Workers' and Anarchist Space in Villarrobledo

CNT-AIT Villarrobledo have launched a Funding Campaign for the *Ateneo Lumbre Libertaria*.

The General Trades Union of the CNT-AIT in Albacete, are pleased to announce the initiative of our Villarrobledo Nucleus to establish an Ateneo in the town. To achieve this, they have launched a crowdfunding campaign to help cover the expenses of projects first year.

The idea is that, with this initial push to get things started, a sufficient and stable community can be built during the first year - one capable of sustaining a physical space over time, a space that will become a tool for strengthening the local working class through self-education in union organising and the development of anti-authoritarian class consciousness, promoting proletarian and humanist culture under the principles of Mutual Aid, Solidarity, and Direct Action, with self-management as the driving organisational force.

The premises will be more than just a union office: it will be a community living space centred around mutual support and self -management.

Regarding union services:

- It will provide a permanent centre where confidential advice will be provided for workers.
- Support and organisation in the face of abuse, non-payment of wages, or threats from employers.
- Practical training so that people know and defend their rights.

Our comrades aim to create a space which is open to bringing together concerns and struggles from across the region in defence of freedom, social justice, and the environment. A non-hierarchical and anti-authoritarian place for meeting, analysis, and collective deliberation.

Organise! IWA believe that this is a project that is well worth supporting and that it will contribute to a rebirth in anarcho-syndicalist practice beyond the town and immediate surroundings of Villarrobledo. In many ways it is not unlike what our comrades in the (A) Centre in Belfast are building closer to home.

To help with this project they are calling for solidarity from everyone who is sick of the order of capitalist privilege and its power concentrating apparatuses, which have turned the world into a corrupt, alienated, and violent place where hopelessness darkens the future.

"Let us reclaim revolutionary utopia as an emancipatory horizon".

You can support this initiative through the following link:

https://www.goteo.org/project/por-un-local-obrero-y-anarquista-en-villarrobledo

Here you will find all the information and details of the project, which will bear the name: *Ateneo Lumbre Libertaria*.

My homeland is freedom,

My banner is reason,

My path is truth.

https://cntaitalbacete.es/2026/01/sindical-ateneo-lumbre-libertaria/

Workers in the USA Striking Back Against ICE

Thousands marched through downtown Minneapolis on Friday 30th January for a second consecutive week, calling for an end to Operation Metro Surge, and an end to ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and U.S. Border Patrol agents in Minnesota.

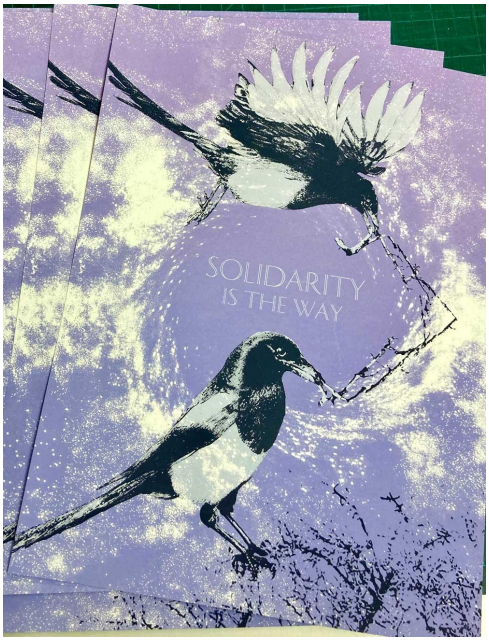
For the second week in a row, thousands of people in downtown Minneapolis marched to protest the presence of immigration enforcement agents in their city. Demonstrations were also organized in other U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, Boston, New York, and Portland, Maine.

These protests came after the Department of Justice announced a civil rights probe into the shooting death of Minneapolis resident and ICU nurse Alex Pretti but not of Renee Macklin Good, a 37-year-old mother of three who was shot and killed by an ICE agent on January 7.

The murders of Alex Pretti and Renee Macklin Good followed those of other victims like Keith Porter and the deaths of 32 more in ICE custody in 2025. Federal agents have gunned down multiple working class U.S. citizens during their immigration crackdown, citing "self-defence" and being "under attack". Their leader Gregory Bovino backed them up in this, despite video evidence to the contrary, as have Trump mouthpieces Kristi Noem and Karoline Leavitt, along with Tump himself.

ICE have kidnapped and teargassed children, invaded homes without warrants, and the created a reign of terror and fear in the cities ICE and the National Guard have flooded into, including Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Chicago, Memphis, Charlotte, and Portland. All of this takes place at the bidding of Fuhrer Trump.

Solidarity Is The Way



We are publishing an interview with a solidarity network that helps refugees and deserters from Ukraine. Visit the initiative's website for more information.

solidarityactivities.noblogs.org

1) Your initiative helps people fleeing the war in Ukraine. Why do you help these people in particular?

Mutual aid is a fundamental factor in our lives. And because we cannot help everyone, we help primarily where we have the resources and capacity to do so. We also realise that inter-imperialist tensions are escalating in various parts of the world. War may soon come to the places where we now live. But it's not just about empathy. It's also very practical. If we show solidarity with people in war zones, it is part of the process of self-organisation of the working class, which opposes wars and their possible escalation into another world war. The ruling classes of all imperialist blocs have their alliance strategies that help them organise wars. Their strategies are not local but depend on the global exchange of information, resources, and experience. For this reason, the working class's resistance to wars must also be global. For example, when people living in Hungary or Romania help deserters from Ukraine, a transregional alliance is created. When we are connected, we are stronger and have greater capacity to fight global threats and enemies.

2) Why do you think people who need help prefer not to contact official institutions or authorities? Does your solidarity network have any advantages that make people contact you and seek your help?

Official institutions often require information that people fleeing war zones do not want to share. For example, refugees have logical reasons for not wanting to give their real names and link them to the places they are fleeing from. Our solidarity network does not ask people for sensitive information such as their names, original place of residence, criminal records, the name of the company they worked for, the name of the unit they deserted from, or information about their family circumstances, etc. We understand that when crossing borders illegally or deserting, it can be extremely dangerous to share such information. It increases the risk of persecution, deportation, physical aggression, or harassment of friends or family who remain in the war zone. Therefore, at a certain stage of their escape, some people prefer to ask for help from informal networks rather than official authorities, which can sometimes help them but can also cause them great harm with their bureaucratic approach.

Of course, the situation is different when refugees subsequently apply for political asylum. At this stage, they are likely to contact the official authorities. However, even in this situation, our network can provide free information that will increase their chances of success. Official institutions often operate mechanically and withhold important information in order to speed up the application process or save money from the budget. As a result, many asylum seekers end up "stuck" in temporary protection status, which means fewer resources for living and a greater risk of deportation or persecution by the Ukrainian authorities.

We know that no state can guarantee permanent protection to anyone. For example, we know of cases where the French state deported refugees with asylum status to their country of origin on the African continent, where they were subsequently tortured or killed. Therefore, we must not have any illusions about states, authorities, and legislation. Official institutions can help us temporarily, but when state policy changes, those same institutions can harm us. We must therefore look for ways to help each other even without the authorities or even in spite of these institutions. This is the direction we are taking. We believe that people who have had negative experiences with institutionalised "solutions" want to cooperate more with informal networks like ours.

3) Do you want your network to be as large as possible and involve as many people as possible? Is that your goal?

We don't want the network to be as large as possible, but to function as well as possible. There is no direct correlation: the more people there are in the network, the greater the efficiency. It is better to organise in a small network of people who know each other, trust each other, and know how to respond flexibly than to have a large network that is paralyzed by internal disagreements about basic program positions or endless discussions about what to do or not to do.

Let's look at other examples: Traditional trade unions are often obsessed with having a large membership, but then we see that the membership pays with their money for union leaders who sit at the table with bosses and negotiate agreements that are advantageous to capitalists. The result will be no different if the union has more members. In the past, small solidarity networks involving a few dozen people have been able to help workers more than unions with tens of thousands of members. Unions often organise mass ritual marches through the city, which politicians and bosses laugh at because such spectacular events do not force them to back down. We also believe that small groups that sabotaged arms shipments to the front lines did more to fight the war than mass demonstrations that merely appeal to politicians to ban arms exports to Israel, Russia, Iran, Ukraine, etc.

Expanding the network can, of course, also be beneficial. However, growth should not mean a quantitative mania. Expansion must be based on the needs of the struggle and current capacities. If there is no mass, organised anti-war movement of the working class, we cannot change that "by inviting the masses" to join our network. Quantitative expansion must be consistent with qualitative progress.

4) It may also be necessary to provide material humanitarian aid directly in Ukraine. Do you also organise such aid? As far as we know, there are informal groups in Ukraine that share material aid. Do you cooperate with them?

Humanitarian aid is definitely needed in Ukraine. The Russian army often attacks civilian homes or energy sources and infrastructure that are important for supplying the population. The problem is that humanitarian aid is often blocked by Ukrainian border guards. There is much talk in European Union countries about the damage caused by Putin's invading army, but there is almost no mention of how Ukrainian state institutions are contributing to the suffering of the local population. Humanitarian aid from neighbouring countries is often stopped at the Ukrainian border, confiscated, or allowed only on condition of paying a large bribe. Most of the people in our network do not live in Ukraine, so we prefer to provide humanitarian aid to those who have managed to flee Ukraine. We want to reduce the risk of our resources being confiscated by corrupt officials at the border or by scoundrels who are exploiting the war for their own enrichment. We have seen similar situations in other wars. For example, humanitarian aid sent to Gaza is blocked by Israeli soldiers, and when something does get into Gaza, a large part of the humanitarian resources is confiscated by groups such as Hamas. Only a small portion of food, medicine, etc. reaches the poor.

As for the war in Ukraine, it is truly an absurd situation. People can easily transport military equipment to Ukraine, but when someone decides to deliver humanitarian aid to the massacred population, it is extremely difficult and often prevented by someone. It is just as absurd as when supporters of Ukraine mourn the dead but ignore the fact that the state has closed its borders, thereby contributing to the death toll being much higher than it would have been if people had been able to leave freely to safety.

Distributing humanitarian aid directly in Ukraine is much easier than trying to transport it there from other areas. The problem, however, is that some organisations that distribute humanitarian aid in Ukraine also organise aid for the Ukrainian army, which massacres deserters and forcibly mobilises men to send them to die on the front lines. One example is Solidarity Collectives, but there are others. We do not cooperate with such collectives. Fortunately, there are also informal networks in Ukraine that understand that supporting the state army is not a humanitarian activity, even in a situation where this army is called upon to fight against the invading army of Russian imperialism.

5) On your website, we can read that you support deserters from the Ukrainian army or war refugees from Ukraine. But why don't you also support deserters from the Russian army or other armies that are deployed in the war?

In response to the first question of the interview, we said: "we help primarily where we have the resources and capacity to do so."

As a matter of principle, we also support deserters from the Russian army or other armies deployed in war. For us, this is just as important as supporting deserters from the Ukrainian army or war refugees from Ukraine. However, for most of us, it is easier to provide practical support to people who have crossed the Ukrainian border. If we were people who had emigrated from Russia or lived in Russia or near the Russian border, we would probably be more focused on providing practical assistance

to deserters from the Russian army. If we lived in the Middle East, our practical solidarity would probably be more directed towards deserters from the Israeli army, or we would provide practical help to people who have fled Gaza or those who are rebelling against Hamas.

It is necessary to support all deserters, war refugees, and opponents of war. In principle, we support everyone, but at present we can only help some of them in practice. However, we try to link our practice with other projects that are active in other regions and have more suitable conditions for supporting "local" deserters and refugees. For example, we are familiar with the Idite Lesom initiative, which helps deserters from the Russian army. We disagree with the liberal orientation of this organisation, but we believe that the solidarity they show to deserters from the Russian army is very important. Perhaps in time we will have the capacity to also help deserters from the Russian army. This is one of our goals.

6) What are the biggest limitations that complicate your activities?

There are many limitations, but here are just a few:

A) An atmosphere of mistrust: War is an extreme form of conflict that brings out the worst in people: Neighbours report each other to the police, friends become enemies, people try to maintain their comfort by sacrificing the lives of others. On top of that, the secret and security services of the state in war strengthen their powers to such an extent that they can imprison people for trivial reasons or execute them on the basis of speculative accusations. People are understandably afraid in such an atmosphere. The problem is that this fear either paralyzes many people, so they are unable to move, or makes them paranoid and see danger even where it does not exist. It is difficult to help each other in situations where "no one trusts anyone." At the same time, however, it is not good to trust everyone, because, for example, the police and border guards take advantage of desperate, trusting people to lure them into traps and then arrest them. The army and the government then use such cases to discourage other people from attempting to desert or illegally leave a country whose borders are closed during wartime.

B) Lack of information: This problem is directly related to what we mentioned in the previous point. If people do not trust each other, they do not share information that is important for escaping from a war zone. So, it often happens that our solidarity network has resources like money, accommodation, or cars, but we don't even have basic info about who needs this help and how we can share our resources with them.

Plus, those who have already managed to escape from Ukraine have important info that can help people who are just getting ready to flee or desert. For example, they know the location of border patrols, how to avoid checks, when is the right time to flee, how to obtain false documents, what to take with you when crossing the border through wild mountains, etc. If we had such information, it would increase the effectiveness of our activities. We could make better use of our resources to reach those in need.

C) Lack of money: We are an informal network of volunteers and no one receives a salary for their work. Nevertheless, we would need more money to make our activities more effective. We know that this complication is related to our level of security culture. For example, we do not have a public fundraising campaign where people could send us contributions by electronic transfer via their phones. The process of getting money to us is long. It takes a lot of energy and planning. However, there are also positive aspects to this. In addition to a greater degree of security, this model has other advantages. For example, people are returning to a form of organisation that is not dependent on technologies operated by multinational corporations, military developers, or companies that provide sensitive information to third parties. We may receive less of the money we need, but we gain more mutual trust and more genuine relationships. This is good not only because we feel better in certain situations. It is also important for the effectiveness of activities. We know of cases where banking service providers have blocked the accounts of solidarity groups that relied on the power of public fundraising through online money transfers under various pretexts. This partially paralyzed their activities, but this type of risk does not exist with us.

D) War propaganda: When we help refugees and deserters in one region, some people present it as aiding the enemy on the other side of the war line. All parties involved in the war think this way. This traditional element of war propaganda complicates our work. Some people describe our activities as aiding Putin's invasion of Ukraine because we help deserters from the Ukrainian army. People who are unaware of the context believe this, and we lose the support of the "public." If you look at the situation from a military perspective, it makes sense: if "our" army is weakened by desertion, the other army can better fulfil its military missions and win the war. However, we are not concerned with the victory of one state or another in the war. We want to strengthen the position of the working class so that it can organise everywhere against "its" states and "its own" bourgeoisie, thereby practically weakening the ability of all states to wage war, organise it, and supply it with resources. This is the only way to stop wars and at the same time reject the pacifist illusion of capitalist peace. Such "peace" is a continuation of war by "non-military" means.

We do not believe that there is a war that can end wars. Nor do we believe that diplomatic peace can stop the tendency of states to organise further military conflicts.

New Year's Global Warning - In The Face of Barbarity

Network of Anarchist Internationalists Statement on Venezuela

On 21 January, Trump reversed his position on Greenland at the 2026 Davos conference, pledging not to use military force against Greenland or to use tariffs against any European countries.

The threats against Greenland may have been retracted (with a lot of billionaires making even more money on the stock market as a result of their friend Trump's actions) but relationships have been permanently damaged within NATO and the increased militarisation of Europe presses on.

The new year kicked off with another imperialist adventure on the part of Trump's USA and we reproduce the NAI statement on events in Venezuela below.

NAI Statement on events in Venezuela: New Year's Global Warning - In The Face of Barbarity (as the race to generalised conflict accelerates).

While imperialisms circus distracts our attention with its smoke and mirrors towards a potential attack on Iran to take advantage of the mass protests and resistance against it's regime, it initiates a new front in its global war against our class by launching strikes in Venezuela, South America.

The fate of the dictator Maduro is of little interest to us, though the slaughter of our class, conscripted again to defend one faction's oil interests against another's is a dramatic increase in the threat of our annihilation.

With Iran, and now quite possibly Cuba which is dependent on Venezuelan oil in the sights of the US, all of strategic interest to China, the fault lines of global capitalist rivalry are now aflame in South America as well as Africa, Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere in Asia.

Our role as revolutionary internationalists must be to denounce each side of serving its respective capitalist state or factional masters and call for an escalation of the Class War at home to hinder the warfare state. We support for all those resisting the drive to generalised war! Solidarity with resistors, deserters and those actively sabotaging the front lines.

No return to capitalist peace. just a repressive pause and austerity assault preparing for the next bloody conflict!

For resistance and escalation on all fronts. Class War against imperialist war!

Working class resistance and solidarity against capitalist and state brutality!

The Network of Anarchist Internationalists, January 3th, 2026

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.

ORGANISE!
FRIENDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION · AMIGOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LAS Y LOS TRABAJADORES
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Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985.

We are a growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, direct democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier…

The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cavan, Derry, Dublin, Lisburn, Monaghan, Newry, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. Contact your nearest Local or Local in formation to get involved.

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We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid. Every member is an active member.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at https://organiseanarchistsireland.com and send an email to: organiseasi@gmail.com